



Virginia Information Technologies Agency



Health IT Standards Advisory Committee (HITSAC)

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Information Technology Advisory Council Meeting
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History

- In 2009 the General Assembly passed legislation authorizing the ITIB to create a Health IT Standards Advisory Committee (HITSAC) to:
 - “...advise the Board on the approval of nationally recognized technical and data standards for health information technology systems or software...”
- ITIB appointed five members to HITSAC:
 - **Dr. Marshall Ruffin**, Chief Technology and Health Information Officer, University of Virginia Health System, Chairman
 - **Geoff Brown**, Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer, Inova Health System
 - **Daniel Barchi**, Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer, Carilion Clinic, President, Carilion Biomedical Institute
 - **Alistair Erskine**, Chief Medical Information Officer, Virginia Commonwealth University Health System
 - **John Quinn**, Chief Technology Officer, HL7 and Chief Technology Officer Accenture Health and Life Sciences Consulting Practice.
- HITSAC’s work focused on standards for the COV Health Information Exchange (COV-HIE).



Work to Date

- HITSAC met monthly between July 2009 and March 2010 (when the ITIB was disbanded).
- HITSAC developed an initial set of recommendations for the ITIB but was not able to present them before the ITIB stopped meeting in January 2010.
- Initial recommendations are compiled in a COV-HIE Topic Report that will, when approved, become part of the Commonwealth's Enterprise Information Architecture Standard.
- The draft COV-HIE Topic Report includes initial standards for:
 - Interoperability
 - Technical Infrastructure
 - Data
 - Privacy and Security
- Once the COV-HIE Topic Report is approved, state agencies within the Executive Branch will comply with its requirements in developing or connecting to the COV-HIE.



Work to Do

- To meet needs identified by Secretary Hazel (HHR), HITSAC will specify data and communication standards for the Medicaid Information Technology Architecture (MITA) To-Be Architecture. These standards will be used by Health and Human Resources (HHR) for the Commonwealth State Gateway.
- Initial focus will be on Member and Care Management
 - *People & Organization Data*
 - *Enrollment and Eligibility Data*
 - *Care Management Data*
- Federal Coordination: National enrollment standards work will have an impact on HITSAC's work. Virginia will submit adopted standards to the federal architecture committees for broader adoption.
- Work must be completed by June 2011 to meet HHR requirements.



Proposed Members of HITSAC

- **Dr. Marshall Ruffin**, Chief Technology and Health Information Officer, University of Virginia Health System, Chairman
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- **Vacant**, to be appointed at a later date. Dan Barchi has moved out of state.



Motion to Appoint HITSAC

- Whereas, the Information Technology Advisory Council is empowered by Va. Code § 2.2-2699.7 to appoint an advisory committee of persons with expertise in health care and information technology to advise the ITAC on the use of nationally recognized technical and data standards for health information technology systems or software; and
- Whereas, The ITAC may, in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, appoint up to five persons to serve on the advisory committee; and
- Whereas, the ITAC wishes at the present time to appoint four persons as members of the advisory council, and may appoint a fifth member in the future; now, therefore, be it
 - *Resolved*, That the ITAC hereby appoints an advisory committee to advise the ITAC on the use of nationally recognized technical and data standards for health information technology systems or software; and it is further
 - *Resolved*, That the name of the advisory committee shall be the Health Information Technology Standards Advisory Committee; and it is further
 - *Resolved*, That the ITAC appoints the following persons to serve as members of the advisory committee: **Dr. Marshall Ruffin, Mr. Geoff Brown, Dr. Alistair Erskine, Mr. John Quinn**